

Claims

1. A cover for a trench, the cover comprising: –

5 a cover member for extending over a trench;

the cover member comprising a pair of ground engaging portions
bridged by a central trench covering portion; and

10 a trench element depending from the cover member to confine the
cover member with respect to a trench;

the trench element being movable relative to the cover member to
facilitate adjustment to a desired width of trench.

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2. A cover as claimed in claim 1 comprising at least two trench elements.

3. A cover as claimed in claim 2 wherein the two elements are movable relative
to the cover member to facilitate adjustment to a desired width of trench.

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4. A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cover comprises locking means to
releasably lock a trench element in a desired position relative to the cover
member.

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5. A cover as claimed in claim 4 wherein the locking means comprises a fixing
pin extendable through an opening in the trench element and an aligned
opening in the cover member.

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6. A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the element is movable between a
number of discrete locations.

7. A cover as claimed in claim 6 wherein the trench element and/or the cover member comprises a number of openings to receive a corresponding protrusion on the other of the trench element and/or cover member corresponding to a discrete location.

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8. A cover as claimed in claim 7 wherein the protrusion is provided on the underside of the cover member and the openings are provided in the trench element.

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9. A cover as claimed in claim 8 wherein the trench element has an elongate slot with a number of enlarged holes at discrete locations along the slot.

10. A cover as claimed in claim 9 wherein the protrusion substantially fills a discrete hole in the trench element.

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11. A cover as claimed in claim 10 wherein the protrusion comprises an elongate extension for engagement in the slot in the trench element.

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12. A cover as claimed in claim 1 comprising a guide on the underside of the cover.

13. A cover as claimed in claim 12 wherein the guide is defined by a pair of ribs depending from the underside of the cover, the ribs being spaced apart to receive a portion of the trench element therebetween.

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14. A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the trench element comprises a handle portion to facilitate gripping of the trench element during adjustment.

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15. A cover as claimed in claim 2 wherein the trench elements are oppositely directed.

16. A cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cover comprises interlink means comprising a first interlink means at one transverse side of the cover member and a complementary second interlink means at an opposite transverse side of the cover member, one of the first or second interlink means being engagable underneath the other of the first and second interlink means of a like cover on assembly.
17. A cover as claimed in claim 16 wherein the cover is relatively movable with respect to an adjacent cover to follow the contour of a trench.
18. A cover assembly for a trench, the assembly comprising a plurality of covers as claimed in claim 1.